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Global Ranking on Ease of Doing Business
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken several steps, big and small to improve the ease of doing business in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is working further with all States to improve the business climate in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that in the World Bank's latest 'Doing Business 2017' report, India's place remained unchanged from last year's ranking and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve global ranking of the country on ease of doing business?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Government has taken several steps to improve ease of doing business in the country. Some of the reforms undertaken on various parameters of Doing Business towards easing the business environment in the country are annexed.

(c): The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in partnership with the World Bank Group, released the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP), 2017 for implementation by States/UTs on 13.04.2017. The BRAP includes 406 recommendations for reforms on regulatory processes, policies, practices and procedures spread across 12 reform areas, that is, labour regulation enablers; contract enforcement; registering property; inspection reform enablers; single window system; land availability and allotment; construction permit enablers; environmental registration enablers; obtaining utility permits; paying taxes; access to information and transparency enablers and sector specific reforms spanning the lifecycle of a typical business.

This year there are 103 new reform measures (out of 406) on central inspection system, online land allotment system, online single window system for granting construction permits, registration under Inter State Migrant Workmen (RE&CS) Act, 1979, approval for boiler manufacturer and boiler erector, etc. BRAP, 2017 also includes two new sectors i.e. Healthcare and Hospitality. The last date to implement the reform is 31.10.2017.

DIPP will carry out a comprehensive business-to-government (B2G) feedback exercise this year whereby feedback will be taken from businesses on the quality of implementation of the reforms claimed by the States and UTs. For each State/UT, the scores will be aggregated over all the surveys conducted to yield an overall score for the State/UT.

The feedback scores will be used to generate a ranking of States/UTs in terms of reform implementation.

(d): India ranks 130th in the World Bank's annual Doing Business Report (DBR), 2017 as against 131st rank (revised) in the Doing Business Report, 2016. The DBR ranks countries on the basis of Distance to Frontier, an absolute score that measures the gap between the country and the global best practice on 10 specified indicators. India's absolute score improved from 53.93 in DBR, 2016 to 55.27 in DBR, 2017. For the first time India has improved its absolute score in two consecutive years as can be seen from the table given below. Additionally, India's Distance to Frontier score improved on 7 out of the 10 indicators, showing that India is increasingly progressing towards best practice.
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Topics DB 2015 DB 2015
(Revised) DB 2016 DB 2016 (Revised) DB 2017
Overall rank 142 134 130 131 130
Distance to Frontier 52.67 - 54.68 53.93 55.27
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(e): The Government's target is to improve the business regulatory environment of India and India's ranking in World Bank's Doing Business Report. Government has urged the Central Government Ministries/ Departments to analyse the World Bank's latest Doing Business Report. Nodal Departments/Ministries have been identified for each of the 10 indicators of the Report. The Departments in

coordination with Government of NCT of Delhi and Government of Maharashtra are responsible for reducing procedures, time and cost across each indicator. Further, Ministries/ Departments concerned have been asked to pursue regular engagements with stakeholders, conduct workshops with the users and stakeholders to familiarize them with the reforms, take their feedback on a regular basis and take corrective action where required. Ministries/ Department concerned have been provided with the set of reforms which need to be implemented and have been asked to identify additional areas related to the Department where reforms and corrective measures need to be taken to ensure time bound and effective implementation of the reforms.

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